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MEMORANDUM

TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Edward J. Logue, Development Administrator

SUBJECT: EARLY LAND DISPOSITION OF PARCEL 6
GOVERNMENT CENTER

His Honor the Mayor has requested that the Redevelopment Authority seek immediate approval from the City Council and the appropriate state and federal agencies to transfer Parcel 6 of the Government Center Project to the selected developer.

Parcel 6 in the Project Area has been committed for disposition at the end of the summer to the City Government Center Commission. Parcel 6 is the site of the new City Hall. In no sense did the City Council rejection of the Plan reflect upon Plan proposals as they relate to this parcel. The Government Center Commission has advertised for construction bids to be opened on August 20, 1963, and must have title to the site before the construction contract can be awarded.

The disposition agreement has been approved by you, and the notice of public disclosure advertised. No reason of substance remains to delay disposition of this site. I therefore recommend that the GSA procedure be followed, and that the Authority apply to the Mayor, City Council, State Housing Board, Division of Urban and Industrial Renewal, and HHFA for approval of "early land disposition" of Parcel 6. Appropriate resolutions are attached.

Attachments

RESOLUTION OF BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING REQUEST FOR CONSENTS TO EARLY LAND DISPOSITION

WHEREAS, under date of September 15, 1961, a Temporary Loan Contract (Early Land Acquisition) for the Government Center Project Area, pursuant to Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 as amended, was entered into by and between the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the said contract provides that without the consent of the HHFA the Authority may not dispose of any land in the said area prior to approval of the Urban Renewal Plan for said area; and

WHEREAS, an Urban Renewal Plan has been prepared and was approved by the Authority on June 5, 1963; and

WHEREAS, said Plan has not yet received the required local approvals thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Authority be able to proceed with land disposition activities, prior to the required local approvals of said Plan, in those portions of the Project Area which are cleared and would otherwise lie idle; and

WHEREAS, Parcel 6 in the Project Area is cleared and ready for disposition and construction thereon; and

WHEREAS, the commencement of construction on said Parcel 6 will provide much-needed new employment and stimulate the economy and in general be beneficial to the financial and physical well-being of the community and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the redevelopment and renewal to be accomplished by such construction will serve the purposes of Title I of the Housing Act of 1949 as amended and Chapter 121 of the General Laws; and

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WHEREAS, under said Title I and under said Chapter 121, land covered by a Temporary Loan Contract (Early Land Acquisition) may be disposed of provided certain consents are first obtained, and it is the intention of the Authority to obtain such consents prior to disposition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

1. That the filing of a request on behalf of the Authority for a waiver to said Contract in order to permit the disposition of Parcel 6 in the Government Center Project Area is hereby approved, and the Development Administrator is hereby authorized to file such a request with the Housing and Home Finance Agency of the United States of America, and to furnish such additional information as may be required by the HHFA.

2. That the Chairman is hereby authorized to request the consent of the Mayor and City Council, the State Housing Board, and the Division of Urban and Industrial Renewal to the proposed disposition of Parcel 6 in the Government Center Project Area.

WHEREAS, under said Title I and under said Chapter 121, land covered by a temporary lease contract (early land Acquisition) may be disposed of provided certain consents are first obtained, and it is the intention of the Authority to obtain such consents prior to disposition.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BYSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That the filing of a request on behalf of the Authority for a lease to said Contract in order to permit the disposition of Parcel 6 in the Government Center Project Area is hereby approved, and the Development Administrator is hereby authorized to file such a request with the Boston and Home Finance Agency of the United States of America, and to furnish such additional information as may be required by the HHFA.

2. That the Chairman is hereby authorized to request the consent of the Mayor and City Council, the State Housing Board, and the Division of Urban and Industrial Renewal to the proposed disposition of Parcel 6 in the Government Center Project Area.